

thorized to be by contract, provided that repairs and improvements to existing structures be accomplished by employment of persons without regard to civil-service and classification laws.

Section 1409e, acts Dec. 20, 1944, ch. 615, § 6, 58 Stat. 829; June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, § 102, 63 Stat. 380; 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 15, § 1, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3176, 64 Stat. 1267, related to procurement, warehousing and distribution of property, and establishment of a revolving fund for purchase, repairs, etc., of materials and supplies.

Section 1409f, act Dec. 20, 1944, ch. 615, § 7, 58 Stat. 829, made inapplicable to projects authorized the provisions of section 5 of title 41, relating to advertising for bids in purchase of materials and services, where aggregate amount is less than \$500.

Section 1409g, act Dec. 20, 1944, ch. 615, § 8, 58 Stat. 829, related to disability and death benefits for certain employees receiving compensation from funds appropriated under this subchapter, subject to certain exceptions.

Section 1409h, act Dec. 20, 1944, ch. 615, § 9, 58 Stat. 829; 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 15, § 1, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3176, 64 Stat. 1267, related to consideration and settlement of claims for injury to persons and damage to property, and limitations thereon.

Section 1409i, act Dec. 20, 1944, ch. 615, § 10, 58 Stat. 830; 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 15, § 1, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3176, 64 Stat. 1267, related to promulgation of rules and regulations.

Section 1409j, act Dec. 20, 1944, ch. 615, § 11, 58 Stat. 830; 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 15, § 1, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3176, 64 Stat. 1267, related to authorization of appropriations for administrative and other expenses.

ESTIMATES AS NOT CONSTITUTING LIMITATIONS

Act July 31, 1953, ch. 298, title I, § 1, 67 Stat. 275, provided in part that the estimated project costs specified in this subchapter not constitute limitations on amounts that could be expended for such projects.

Similar provisions were contained in acts July 9, 1952, ch. 597, title I, § 101, 66 Stat. 459; Aug. 31, 1951, ch. 375, title I, § 101, 65 Stat. 264.

SUBCHAPTER VI—AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM

§§ 1409m to 1409o. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-357, title III, § 308(f), Oct. 19, 1982, 96 Stat. 1710

Section 1409m, act Oct. 29, 1951, ch. 603, § 1, 65 Stat. 661, related to establishment and maintenance of an agricultural research and extension service program.

Section 1409n, act Oct. 29, 1951, ch. 603, § 2, 65 Stat. 662, related to transfer of functions, property, etc., of the agricultural experiment stations in Virgin Islands from Secretary of the Interior to Secretary of Agriculture.

Section 1409o, act Oct. 29, 1951, ch. 603, § 3, 65 Stat. 662, related to authorization of appropriations and use of funds.

CHAPTER 8—GUANO ISLANDS

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§ 1411. Guano districts; claim by United States

Whenever any citizen of the United States discovers a deposit of guano on any island, rock, or key, not within the lawful jurisdiction of any

other government, and not occupied by the citizens of any other government, and takes peaceable possession thereof, and occupies the same, such island, rock, or key may, at the discretion of the President, be considered as appertaining to the United States.

(R.S. § 5570.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. § 5570 derived from act Aug. 18, 1856, ch. 164, § 1, 11 Stat. 119.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 1415, 1417 of this title.

§ 1412. Notice of discovery of guano and proofs

The discoverer shall, as soon as practicable, give notice verified by affidavit, to the Department of State, of such discovery, occupation, and possession, describing the island, rock, or key, and the latitude and longitude thereof, as near as may be, and showing that such possession was taken in the name of the United States; and shall furnish satisfactory evidence to the State Department that such island, rock, or key was not, at the time of the discovery thereof, or of the taking possession and occupation thereof by the claimants, in the possession or occupation of any other government or of the citizens of any other government, before the same shall be considered as appertaining to the United States.

(R.S. § 5571.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. § 5571 derived from act Aug. 18, 1856, ch. 164, § 1, 11 Stat. 119.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 1413 of this title.

§ 1413. Completion of proof on death of discoverer

If the discoverer dies before perfecting proof of discovery or fully complying with the provisions of section 1412 of this title, his widow, heir, executor, or administrator shall be entitled to the benefits of such discovery, upon complying with the provisions of this chapter. Nothing herein shall be held to impair any rights of discovery or any assignment by a discoverer recognized prior to April 2, 1872, by the United States.

(R.S. § 5572.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. § 5572 derived from act Apr. 2, 1872, ch. 81, § 1, 17 Stat. 48.

§ 1414. Exclusive privileges of discoverer

The discoverer, or his assigns, being citizens of the United States, may be allowed, at the pleasure of Congress, the exclusive right of occupying such island, rocks, or keys, for the purpose of obtaining guano, and of selling and delivering the same to citizens of the United States, to be used therein, and may be allowed to charge and receive for every ton thereof delivered alongside a vessel, in proper tubs, within reach of ship's tackle, a sum not exceeding \$8 per ton for the